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**APPENDIX A.1**

**Eagle Island State Park  
Planning Meetings & Public Input Opportunities**

December 15, 1999

Planning Review Team

Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation headquarters

- Presentation about park resources
- Issue identification and prioritization
- Selection of Citizen Advisory Committee
- 13 participants

January 18, 2000

Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) Orientation

Eagle Public Library

- Introduce the state park system
- Introduce the planning process
- 12 participants

January 25, 2000

Public Input Workshops

Eagle Public Library

3 – 5 p.m. and 7 – 9 p.m.

- Presentation about park resources
- Issue identification and prioritization
- 56 participants

February 10, 2000

Staff Workshop

Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation headquarters

- Presentation about park resources
- Issue identification and prioritization
- 9 participants

March 23, 2000

Planning Review Team

Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation headquarters

- Develop mission and vision statements
- Refine master plan goals
- 11 participants

March 30, 2000

Citizen Advisory Committee Park Tour

Eagle Island State Park

- 12 participants



April 11, 2000

Joint Planning Review Team and Citizen Advisory Committee  
South Region Office, Meridian

- Review problem statements
- Select preferred alternatives
- 17 participants

May 6, 2000

Joint Planning Review Team and Citizen Advisory Committee  
Eagle Island State Park group shelter

- Continue selection of preferred alternatives
- 14 participants

May 18, 2000

Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation Board Meeting  
Twin Falls, ID – The Herrett Center

- Presentation of draft master plan to park board members
- Board approves draft master plan
- 20 participants – no public attendees

July 11, 2000

Public Open Houses

Eagle Public Library

3 – 5 p.m. and 7 – 9 p.m.

- Presentation of draft master plan
- Participants invited to complete comment cards
- 66 participants
- 7 comments received after the meeting

July 24, 2000

Ada County Development Services – staff meeting room

- Present draft master plan to county planning staff
- Review existing conditional use permit
- 8 participants

August 28, 2000

Treasure Valley Partnership meeting

Eagle Island State Park group shelter

- Presentation of draft master plan to area mayors and county commissioners
- 20 participants



August 31, 2000

Ada County Planning and Zoning Commission Workshop

Ada County Building – third floor hearing room

- Present draft master plan to commission members
- 14 participants

September 20, 2000

City of Eagle – Parks and Pathways Committee Meeting

Eagle City Hall – hearing room

- Present draft master plan to committee members
- Committee recommends expansion of equestrian area
- 11 participants

October 7, 2000

Eagle Historical Society - Old Prison Honor Farm Walking Tour

Eagle Island State Park

- Reviewed history of the old prison honor farm that once occupied the park site
- Presented new developments proposed for the park in the updated master plan
- 34 participants



## APPENDIX A.2

**Comments Received at the Master Plan Open House  
July 11, 2000 - Eagle Public Library**

*Great Start on equestrian facilities...BUT WE NEED MORE! Yes on arena and facilities and barns. More than 3.6 miles of trails...that is way too short for horses. How about a cross country jumping course? I am willing to volunteer my time to help in any way. A facility to hold horse events and a driving course would also be high on my list.*

*Deb Broich*

Would seem to me that the golf course proposal is at odds with Prelim. Policy St. #9 about not providing a substitute for urban park facilities. Golf courses are high cost, high maintenance, labor intensive areas best suited to be run by private entities not the state nor on state parklands. Who's going to pay for this, is the state going to rent out, what kind of revenues will the state receive as rent, flat rate or flat rate plus a percentage? What about chemical use on said course, leaching into the groundwater flow which is in the direction of the swim area? 200 plus or minus is way too much for 18 holes, unless the holes are each so far away from each other that habitat areas can be developed that would be of benefit to wildlife. Golfers would literally have to be trained with an armed guard to keep them from going after errant balls in wildlife zones. In other words, wildlife habitat areas and a golf course are nearly mutually antagonistic unless the golfing public (I am not a golfer, I have worked as groundskeeper on golf courses) is educated from the get go. There is also concern about having some of the tertiary sewage treatment wetlands being in line with the groundwater flow into the public swimming area. Trail system needs to be better delineated, especially separation of hikers/walkers and equestrians. There does not seem to be any indication about bicycles. There will be friction between bikers and horses and walkers/hikers.

*R. L. Rowland*

*Would like to see a longer path for the equestrian center. We have lost the use of the greenbelt and ditch banks. We are having to drive or ride our horses on the roads unless we wish to travel even farther from home. We would hope the park system would see the need for safe riding areas which are becoming fewer and fewer. Idaho has a great number of horse owners. We want our young riders to ride safely. You will need a larger parking area.*

*Karole Peterson*



Disappointed there is no dog training area. -- Laura Nordberg

*Equestrian center is an excellent idea; however, the trailers parking area needs to be expanded to hold at least 20 trailers. As we lose other riding areas, this one will become more heavily utilized.*

Linda Ferri

The equestrian center should be more developed with more land for parking (10 spaces is not enough), a large arena and a smaller arena for the public and a VASTLY greater system of horse DRIVING and equestrian paths. I would like to see the possibility of teaching events, show events, and hippotherapy available to the public. We need places to ride. Thank you.

Kristina S. Peterson

*Please follow through on equestrian plans. There just aren't enough local trails on public land. If you built it, we will use it.*

Dawn Crawford

Everything looks good as long as they protect the river and riparian areas.

Lois Kunkler

*In general, the plan looks great...happy to see camping and boating and wetlands. Don't we have enough golf courses?*

JoAnn Burns

Get rid of the golf course! -- Lynn Rhodes

*More horse trailer parking, perhaps 20 spaces with the option for extension. This could be a wonderful and unique area for mothers and children to have the opportunity to ride horses without having to travel major distances to the mountains. Perhaps the equestrian trail could be extended around the golf course, camping and wetland areas. People and horses do work safety together!!! It's done in London and Rome right downtown.*

Roz Cusack

Thanks for including an equestrian center. However, it would be nice to have a trail around the perimeter of the park. 3.6 miles is a very short distance on horseback. Thanks for even including horses in the plan. If you live in Eagle, you know that horses are still a large part of the economy here. However, the foothills are fast becoming closed off.

Gloria Anderson



*Gem State Disc golfers (362-9074). We would like to see an 18 hole Frisbee golf course be installed at the park.*

*Derek Ford*

The horse community needs places to park and ride. This is a first in Ada County; an area designed for horses. It is ranked #2... please, please let it happen.

*Arlene C. Morris*

*I am a director of the Idaho Horse Council. I am encouraged to see the inclusion of equestrian facilities in this master plan. Please feel free to contact the Idaho Horse Council for any support we might offer (5000 Chinden Boulevard, Boise, ID 83704).*

*C. R. Cooper*

I question the need for a golf course; with 3 courses very close to the area (two open to the public), I think the land could be better used for open space, hiking trails...even fishing...all activities better suited to a state park than a golf course.

*June Swanson*

*I believe a greater part of the island should be set aside as the original island environment. Separate horse trails and pedestrian trails; more miles of each. Don't like golf course. Don't buy the idea that it can co-exist with the natural environment.*

*Kay R. Johnson*

I prefer a bit LESS mixed use...focus entirely on the wetlands and riparian areas, with swimming, camping, and trails, but no golf course. That seems like more than enough human activity when considered with all the other development in the area.

*Ann Joslin*

*Do it!! -- Clinton Bays*

Plan did not analyze more passive forms of recreation/uses. Golf course is inappropriate exclusionary use for the area. Plan did not address other methods of addressing "threat" of taking areas from the park to provide for local needs; i.e., soccer fields. This should not be a concern since park is not supposed to provide a substitute for local facilities (which begs the question of the golf course). Eagle needs to plan/provide for these facilities as it grows, not be bailed out by the state. Keeping entire park open for the entire year will be detrimental to wildlife. No mention of what standards would be used to determine what an "environmentally friendly" golf course would be??? pollution levels??? Distribution levels? Open year around? Impacts to wildlife? Wetlands components of the park are a real positive and should be expanded. Wetlands are the most critical/important/threatened habitat in the state. F3.2 should include a temporal



component where necessary. F4: not sure what night uses are proposed, but some could be very detrimental to other values. Process does not provide for very serious feedback to the plan; i.e., no opportunity to view entire plan until after adopted. Make use of the internet/CDs to save printing costs!

Matt McCoy

*The plan appears to have taken into consideration preservation of the natural habitat as well as the needs of users that have not been included into other park plans. Specifically, equestrian trails, parking, and facilities for loading and unloading. The plan appears to maximize equestrian opportunities for the available landmass while preserving the natural habitat. I certainly am supportive of this plan.*

Marilyn Horbaker

We own a residence on a 5 acre parcel directly south of this proposed "improvement" and are very concerned about the influx of people and vehicles in this environmentally sensitive area. As the population continues to grow, we feel that it is extremely important to maintain these last remaining wild areas of the river that provide habitat to so many animals. Please maintain a buffer area along the river for the wildlife in the area.

Brian Hoff

*I am anxious to see some provision made for the equestrians. The greenbelt originated as a bridle trail but evolved into pedestrian or bicycle use only. Since we are losing more open trails to ride horses on, I would like to see more trails available for horses. 3.6 miles is really not enough, given the size of the proposed development.*

Bunny Hayer

Overall, the plan looks good. It appears that the only safe bicycle access from the east for the near term could be via Mace Road, but that one or a very few landowners in the area object. I would urge the park to aggressively assert their right of way for pedestrians and bicycles (only...no vehicles) via Mace Road as soon as possible. The public deserves safe trail access to the park (the highway on the north and south and Linder Road on the West have no bike lanes even). Mace Road seems to be the best near-term alternative. It already exists and only needs resigning. Thanks.

Robert Minch

*Do not let people come down Mace Road to get into the park.*

Charlie Porter





1) Eliminate all vehicle access to the park from Mace Road. 2) Do not encourage foot traffic/bike path to connect at Mace Road (west end) to park pathways.

Bob Kell

*I am a charter member and committeeperson for the Gem State Disc Golfers. I would like to encourage the development of a disc golf course on Eagle Island. Disc golf is an activity that can be enjoyed by people of all ages and physical abilities, and the course design concepts of this sport harmonize with natural, environmental aspects of a location. It requires minimal maintenance and has a low initial cost.*

Don Costello

I support the concept of multiple use and especially encourage equestrian areas open to the public. Many of our riding areas are being closed off. A facility close to Eagle would undoubtedly be used a great deal. Suggest the arena be available to riding clubs or "drill team" type organization for training.

Jim Pippin

*Under the proposal, you have "10" parking spaces for equestrian usage. This is not even close to being enough; also, maybe the camping area should be closer. I would not want to be away from my horse the distance you have between equestrian center and camping. Please make trail for riding (away from bicycles; any motors also). I understand the proposed site is idea for our horses, but can you get camping closer?*

Marie Jones

Glad you will have camping sites. -- Duwain Suell



## APPENDIX A.3

**Comments Received after the Master Plan Open House  
July 11 - August 16, 2000**

Sorry we are unable to attend the meeting this evening, but wish to have a voice in saying that we do hope that there will be an area for Equestrian Activities. Our community is comprised of a great majority of individuals who own horses, mules, etc., and are in dire need of an area in which to enjoy them. We own a carriage business and would love to see an area where buggies and carts could also use the trails. This could be a wonderful diversified area if this could be included.

Dennis and Dawn Ferdinand

*I would like to see lots of parking and turn around space at the equestrian center and trail. I would be interested in just a Western Pleasure path. This whole thing sounds really exciting to me. I also understand that the equestrian center and trail is a very small portion of the park. I guess I would like to see more acres go to horse activities. Thanks,*

*Jon Winnett*

Very much opposed to the treatment of sewage for Eagle Sewer Dist. This is not what state parks are about. Also under funding the excavation of gravel to help offset costs is unacceptable. We don't need so many ponds. At the present rate of pond excavation, the entire river bottom will just be a bunch of stagnant lakes and mosquito breeding areas. Keep it natural. I am concerned that when you quit grazing and cutting hay that the Russian Olives and other noxious weeds will take over. As a user of the Hart Davis ditch, we need to be informed and have input on any changes to the ditch or other impacts on it that may be created.

Ronald Rippey

*K - Funding - I am very much opposed to gravel excavation, except for actual need to form ponds because removing gravel from premises does not maintain the natural area. I am very concerned about the use of wastewater. I would like more information about the working wetlands and the use of wastewater other than as in (recharge wetlands)!! Overall I think this is a pretty good plan! For a great park! Please keep me informed of future meetings. No sewage treatment—from Eagle or any place.*

*Elaine Rippey*



I'm not certain this e-mail is reaching the right ears, if not please pass it on. I am writing in concern of development plans for Eagle Island State Park. I was a resident of Idaho, however my husband is in the military now, so we move alot. However, each year, I bring my kids home to visit our family for extended vacations. One thing we have really enjoyed, especially this summer, is the park. We were told by a worker there that there is discussion of using the remaining 400+ acres of wetlands as a "wetland friendly" golf course. I just wanted to say how much we hope that doesn't happen. Even if the ground is preserved in the most careful way, the purpose of preserving wetlands is that is ideal habitat for certain animals, particularly nesting area for birds. A golf course full of people, with flying balls, will certainly discourage nesting and breeding. I really enjoy golf, but that is not the place for a course. Possibly a better use for the land would be to just put some trails in, still opening the land for public use, but minimizing the impact and encouraging exploration and education.

Tricia Smith

*My name is Susan Osterburg and I live on Eagle Island. I have been involved with horses for over 30 years. I'm writing in hopes that I can be involved in the development of the horse trails at Eagle Island State Park. I've ridden many trails in the Payette, Boise and Sawtooth National Forests. I've also ridden Wallowa Whitman National Forest in Oregon an I've even taken my horses twice to Nehalem State Park at the Oregon Coast. I love trail riding and have done a lot of it. If the development is done by horseback, I do have one very gentle mare that anyone can ride. I would live to be involved, so please give me a call.*

Susan Osterburg

I have been meaning to provide input regarding the plan for Eagle Island.

1. Natural open space along the river is becoming scarce. Do not over develop the area.
2. River access is important for canoes/kayaks.
3. Consider the possibility of float boater camping at one or two sites on the river, inaccessible by vehicle. The potential of the Boise River as a close to town nonmotorized canoe outing for a large population base is unsurpassed in our state.
4. Using parks and open space as a revenue source is an unfortunate directive by our legislators. A golf course does not seem like a good idea.

Cheryl Nelson and Tim Breuer



# COMMENTARY

## READER'S VIEW

### Time to plan 'quiet spaces' is now

Eagle Island State Park is a diamond in the rough. The outcome of the park master plan now under development will determine whether this space is flawed forever or becomes a long-term asset to the Boise River valley.

Currently, only 20 acres of the park are open to the public for limited periods. The remainder of the 540 acre park is leased out for hayfields and grazing that provides minimal revenue to the state.

People interested in open access to public spaces should pay close attention to what the draft park master plan is considering.

Eagle Island State Park is located between the two channels of the Boise River and therefore has high potential to develop valuable riparian and wetland areas for wildlife and for recreational use. The property was formerly the state prison farm and was originally used for grazing, a dairy and a slaughterhouse. The property was turned over to the state parks and recreation department in 1977 and has remained primarily in agricultural use to the present time. The area outside of the developed picnic area, beach and waterslide are generally off limits to the public throughout the year.

This valuable open space is already in the public domain, it is not a matter of raising funds or purchasing private property. With a little judicial planning this space should be open for public use and enjoyment. The question is what uses are appropriate in



STEVE BAUER

this location and how does the state fund park management?

The draft master plan was developed by the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation (IDPR) with input from the public provided at scoping meetings and from a citizen's advisory committee. The draft master plan envisions a fully developed park with year-round

public access to the river, walking trails, bike paths, equestrian trails, camping, expanded picnic areas, a wetlands education center and, unfortunately, a golf course. It is the golf course over which the citizen's advisory committee disagreed with the parks department.

The golf course doesn't fit with the vision of accessible open public space and is not compatible with other uses of the park. Located between the two channels of the Boise River, the park has a high potential to be a wildlife haven and to provide the open space needed for low impact recreation. The cottonwood forests, adjacent wetlands and open space between the two channels provide the opportunity for wildlife habitat that is otherwise disappearing from the Boise valley. The emphasis is on the word "opportunity" since park management has not traditionally been compatible with development of natural habitats. Wetland areas that developed by default in the park have been dewatered, wetland vegetation is burned annually, and cattle have been encouraged to graze in what should have been protected wetland areas. Given this track

record, can we trust the state to pull off an environmentally sensitive development such as the wetlands golf course they propose?

The primary reason that IDPR is pushing a golf course is economics. The IDPR is chronically underfunded. To make any progress on park development, Eagle Island State Park has to generate its own resources, and the minimal park entry fees won't pay for park development. The golf course is seen as a cash-cow that will generate funding to pay for the rest of the park. Whether this is the case or not has yet to be determined. The IDPR should complete a thorough market analysis before proceeding any further with this idea. They should also address the question of direct competition with private enterprise; the signal from the Idaho legislature has always been to favor private business over state run enterprises.

The issue at this stage of the master plan is long-term vision not short-term economics. From my perspective, the highest and best use of this public property is for open space. As the Boise valley becomes more crowded and other open space is converted to subdivisions and malls we are all going to want a little breathing room.

Nearby places to walk in peace and quiet, to exercise the dogs, to ride horses, to introduce our children to natural areas and wildlife are going to be priceless in the future. We should be planning for these spaces now.

Steve Bauer served as a member of the Eagle Island State Park Citizens Advisory Committee.



## APPENDIX A.5

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September 22, 2000

Dave Okerlund  
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5657 Warm Springs Avenue  
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Re: Eagle Island Master Plan Update

Dear Mr. Okerlund:

You had requested an interpretation from the Department on how future facility developments within the Eagle Island State Park would be processed by Ada County. Specifically, you were seeking guidance on whether a new conditional use permit would be required or whether new facilities could be processed by the administrative master site plan process provided for in the June 2000 Zoning Ordinance.

There are two zoning ordinance provisions and one condition of approval for 81-12-CU that were considered:

- 8-5B-2B: Any modification or expansion of a previously approved conditional use that would generate the need for a new master site plan review (see Section 8-4E-2 of this Title) shall require a new conditional use approval.
- 8-4E-2A: Unless specifically exempt under Section 8-4E-2B of this Title, a master site plan shall be required for the following prior to the issuance of a zoning certificate or building permit:
  1. New construction, addition, or moving of a structure.
  2. Change of use of a property or structure.
  3. Change of occupancy of a structure as defined by the Ada County Building Code as set forth in Title 7, Chapter 2, of the Ada County Code.
  4. Modifications to previously approved master site plans unless specifically exempt under Section 8-4E-3G of this Title. (For the purposes of this Title, traffic and development plans, planned development commercial site plans, planned development industrial site plans, and conditional use site plans that were approved prior to [date] shall be considered master site plans.)
  5. Any change or expansion of an approved master site plans unless specifically exempt under Section 8-4E-3H of this Title that may result in off-site impacts or increased impacts on public facilities, as determined by the Director.



- Condition #2 of the 81-12-CU states "Future phase designs shall conform substantially to the General Development Plan dated and received April 16, 1981 in terms of the land uses proposed and their general location on the site."

The updated Eagle Island Master Plan proposes new uses than those noted on the approved plan, and thus we conclude that State Parks will be required to obtain a new conditional use permit to reflect the new master plan. Examples of new or relocated uses include the equestrian center and the wetlands interpretive center. The updated Eagle Island Master Plan will be considered the required master site plan to be submitted with the conditional use permit, in addition to the detailed master site plans for facilities proposed for construction. State Parks may choose to apply for a new conditional use permit when a new facility is proposed for construction. We would propose that any subsequent construction could be processed as an administrative amendment to the approved master site plan. This is a process similar to what was set up for 81-12-CU, with the difference being master site plans do not require Board of County Commissioners approval as did the previous Traffic and Development Plans. However, due to the conceptual nature of the Eagle Island Master Plan, any future construction that does not substantially conform in use or location designated on the Master Plan may trigger the requirement for a new conditional use permit.

This determination was made based upon current information contained in the public record and interpretation of the Ada County Zoning Ordinance. You may, if you wish, appeal this decision to the Ada County Planning and Zoning Commission. To do so, you must file the appeal within fifteen days of the date of this letter. The fee for filing an appeal is \$120.

If you have any questions regarding this determination, I can be reached at the indicated number.

Sincerely,

JEFFREY L. PATLOVICH, AICP  
Director, Ada County Development Services

*Patricia A. Nilsson*

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Ada County Development Services



APPENDIX A.6

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Re: Eagle Island Master Plan Update

Dear Mr. Okerlund:

Thank you for attending the August 31 work session of the Ada County Planning and Zoning Commission with your consultant and Connie Vaughn to provide the Commission with a detailed review of the draft master plan. The discussion was most informative and will greatly assist the Commission's review of any subsequent park projects. We also appreciate the public participation process undertaken throughout the master planning process to identify the needs and desires of County residents and neighbors of the park.

The Commission looks forward to working with State Parks to ensure the successful implementation of the master plan over the coming years.

Sincerely yours,

*Joyceanne Fick* for

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Chair

cc: Jeff Patlovich





APPENDIX A.7



Mayor: Rick Yzaguirre

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October 19, 2000

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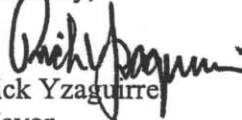
Dear Mr. Okerlund:

The Eagle Park and Pathway Development Committee and City Council would like to convey their endorsement of the proposed Master Plan for Eagle Island State Park. However, we would like to request that two items be addressed prior to the finalization of the Master Plan

- 1.) Emergency access on both river channels needs to be addressed.
- 2.) The area designated as "equestrian area" needs to be reassessed and perhaps increased.

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on the Master Plan for Eagle Island State Park.

Sincerely,

  
Rick Yzaguirre  
Mayor





APPENDIX A.8

1999 Idaho State Parks Day-Use Survey

*Thanks for helping us better understand your needs!*

Please enter your zip code of residence.

1. How did you learn about this park? (Please check only one)

- |   |  |   |
|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Highway visitor center | <input type="checkbox"/> Idaho State Parks Guide   | <input type="checkbox"/> Billboard                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Internet               | <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Idaho Campground Directory |
| <input type="checkbox"/> AAA guide              | <input type="checkbox"/> Live nearby               | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Idaho Travel Guide</i>  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Trailer Life</i>    | <input type="checkbox"/> From a friend or relative | <input type="checkbox"/> Idaho State Highway Map    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Highway sign           | <input type="checkbox"/> Television                | <input type="checkbox"/> Park brochure              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Magazine               | <input type="checkbox"/> Radio                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____                |

2. List your three favorite things to do in a park in order of preference, with your favorite being number 1.

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|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boating                | <input type="checkbox"/> Camping           | <input type="checkbox"/> Hiking                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bike riding            | <input type="checkbox"/> Fishing           | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Learning something new | <input type="checkbox"/> Photography       | <input type="checkbox"/> Relaxing                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing       | <input type="checkbox"/> Horseback riding  | <input type="checkbox"/> Star gazing                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bird watching          | <input type="checkbox"/> Campfire programs | <input type="checkbox"/> Being with friends & family |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____            | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____       | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____                 |

3. What would you like to see us offer in this park? (Check as many as you wish)

- |   |   |  |
|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Educational programs | <input type="checkbox"/> Nature store     | <input type="checkbox"/> Children's programs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Playground           | <input type="checkbox"/> Overflow parking | <input type="checkbox"/> More trails         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cabins               | <input type="checkbox"/> Horseshoe pits   | <input type="checkbox"/> Bike rentals        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yurts                | <input type="checkbox"/> Ice for sale     | <input type="checkbox"/> Boat rentals        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Volleyball area      | <input type="checkbox"/> _____            | <input type="checkbox"/> _____               |

4. Please list the gender, age (M=Male, F=Female) and marital status (S=Single, M=Married) of each individual in your immediate party.

_____ (Gender) (Age) (Marital)	_____ (Gender) (Age) (Marital)	_____ (Gender) (Age) (Marital)	_____ (Gender) (Age) (Marital)
_____ (Gender) (Age) (Marital)	_____ (Gender) (Age) (Marital)	_____ (Gender) (Age) (Marital)	_____ (Gender) (Age) (Marital)

5. How would you describe your group? (Please choose the one that best fits)

- |  |  |  |
|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Single parent with children | <input type="checkbox"/> Couple                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Extended family |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A group of friends          | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 parents with children | <input type="checkbox"/> _____           |



6. Please mark the annual family income of the survey respondent.

- ☐ \$0-\$10,000      ☐ \$10,000-\$20,000      ☐ \$20,000-\$35,000      ☐ \$35,000-\$50,000  
☐ \$50,000-\$75,000      ☐ \$75,000-\$100,000      ☐ Over \$100,000

8. How would you rate our park fees?    ☐ Too high    ☐ About right    ☐ Too low

9. On a graded scale with "A" being very good, "F" being very poor and "C" being average:

- How satisfied are you with the customer service you have received from park staff?  
A B C D F  
—How satisfied were you with information you received from the park or agency?  
A B C D F  
—How would you rate the condition of the natural areas in this park?  
A B C D F

10. Do you feel safe and secure while visiting the park?

- ☐ Yes, I feel safe      ☐ I feel fairly safe      ☐ No, I do not feel safe

11. How many pets do you have with you today? \_\_\_\_\_ What type? \_\_\_\_\_

12. When did you arrive in the park?

- ☐ Before 8 am      ☐ 8 am-10 am      ☐ 10 am-noon      ☐ Noon-2 pm  
☐ 2 pm-4 pm      ☐ 4 pm-6 pm      ☐ 6 pm-8 pm      ☐ After 8 pm

13. About how many times have you been to this park?    ☐ First time    \_\_\_\_\_ times

14. Do you have an annual parks pass?    ☐ Yes    ☐ No

15. Did you know an annual pass is available?    ☐ Yes    ☐ No

16. What attracted you to the park? (Mark all that apply)

- |  |                                     |   |  |
|--|-------------------------------------|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Special event in park | <input type="checkbox"/> Boating    | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming         | <input type="checkbox"/> Hiking trails |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Visit friends         | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking | <input type="checkbox"/> Bike trails      | <input type="checkbox"/> Observatory   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Disc golf             | <input type="checkbox"/> Fishing    | <input type="checkbox"/> View wildlife    | <input type="checkbox"/> Close to home |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Be with friends       | <input type="checkbox"/> Location   | <input type="checkbox"/> Safe place to be | <input type="checkbox"/> Near water    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bird watching         | <input type="checkbox"/> Facilities | <input type="checkbox"/> _____            | <input type="checkbox"/> _____         |

17. Are there any facilities or services you believe we should provide at this park that we are not currently providing? If so, please list them: \_\_\_\_\_

Thanks for taking the time to help us. Please return the survey to a park employee or drop it in the check-out box when you leave the park.



Resource Area Evaluation Table

Resource Area Evaluation Criteria and Management Objectives	Scientific Area	Natural Area	Conservation Area	Historic Area	Recreation Area	Service/ Support Area
<b>Qualitative Value of Area Resources</b>	Unique or exceptional resource value	Pristine, natural integrity; significant resource value	Varied resource value	Exceptional or significant resource value	Low to moderate resource value	Low resource value
<b>Value of Area for Active Recreation</b>	No to low active recreational value	Low to moderate active recreational value	Moderate active recreational value	Low to moderate active recreational value	Diverse, significant and high active recreational value	Low active recreational value
<b>Degree of Educational Opportunity Present</b>	Unique or exceptional opportunity	Significant educational opportunity	Moderate educational opportunity	Unique or exceptional educational opportunity	Moderate educational opportunity	Varied educational opportunity
<b>Resource Area Characteristics</b>	These areas are isolated, relatively inaccessible, and free of all but natural sounds.	These areas are secluded, with subdued noise levels and a serene, peaceful environment.	This transition area is characterized by dispersed, sporadic activity. Noise levels vary from relatively quiet to fairly noisy, depending upon the occasion.	Although able to accommodate groups of visitors, these areas are quiet, passive and thought-provoking.	These areas are public and dynamic. They are readily accessible, busy, crowded, noisy, and characterized by almost continuous activity.	Service Support Areas providing visitor services are readily accessible, busy, noisy, and characterized by continuous daytime activity.
<b>Typical Activities within the Area</b>	Guided interpretive walks and scientific study.	Hiking, wildlife watching, photography, small group interpretive walks, cross-country skiing, dispersed picnicking, boating activities that do not degrade the environment or detract from the desired visitor experience.	Natural Area activities, plus mountain biking, picnicking, X-country skiing, fishing, dispersed swimming, boating, special events.	Personal inspection, photography, historic research, small group interpretive walks, special events.	Natural and Conservation Area activities, plus developed camping, group sports, developed picnicking, boat launching/ mooring/ beaching, swimming, beach activities, non-motorized trail use, motorized trail use, outdoor interpretive programming, recreational housing, overnight lodging.	Admission/ registration, fee collection, visitor information, retail sales, staff offices, indoor/outdoor interpretive programming, concession operations, developed moorage, developed parking, staff housing, maintenance/ storage, fueling, utility stations.
<b>Acceptable Level of Resource Impact</b>	Extremely low resource impact	Low resource impact	Low to moderate resource impact	Low resource impact	Moderate to high resource impact	High resource impact
<b>Anticipated Degree of Human Contact</b>	Visitors assured a personal experience undisturbed by other park users.	Visitors may occasionally encounter individuals or small groups seeking a similar experience.	Visitors to these areas will frequently encounter other individuals and groups of park users.	During periods of peak use, visitors to these areas are almost certain to encounter other visitors seeking the same experience.	During periods of peak activity, visitors are certain to encounter many other visitors engaged in a wide variety of recreational and social activities.	During daylight hours, visitors are certain to encounter many other visitors seeking services and engaged in a variety of recreational and social activities.
<b>Primary Area Management Objectives</b>	Protect and perpetuate resources; use may be extremely limited or prohibited.	Preserve as near-natural; protect the resource from degradation, inappropriate development and over-use.	Provide use and protection; establish use limits for conservation.	Preservation paramount; provide opportunity for interpretation and education.	Provide recreational opportunities; no irreparable resource damage.	Efficient, economic and safe support.

## Preferred Alternatives Tables

Category: <b>Camping</b>					
Problem Statement	Alternative 1	Alternative 2	Alternative 3	Alternative 4	Preferred Alternative
Camping is a traditional use of state parks. Camping would extend the time of use and accessibility to Eagle Island State Park. To date, only scout troops have been permitted to camp near the developed recreation area, early in the season.	Do not allow camping in the Park.	Allow informal, primitive group camping on a permit basis. Provide a portable toilet, but no water or power. Campers would have to carry-in and carry-out their tents and supplies.	Develop tent camping, for organized groups and individuals, with parking, restroom, water and a picnic shelter.	Develop an RV campground with water, power, dump station and a picnic shelter.	Develop tent camping sites for organized groups and individuals, with parking, restroom, water and a picnic shelter. Camping would be by permit or reservations. Yurts or teepees may be built by the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation.



Category: Education and Interpretation Facilities					
Problem Statement	Alternative 1	Alternative 2	Alternative 3	Alternative 4	Preferred Alternative
Current educational and interpretation facilities and activities are limited. Projected opportunities are almost unlimited.	<u>No Change</u> Use the existing shelters and park property as outdoor classrooms on a permission basis.	Provide temporary or seasonal learning places in tents or yurts. Provide limited access and parking.	Build an open air shelter for classes and other uses.	Use the existing prison farm buildings as part of an education center.	Develop a full-service education center with support facilities including a laboratory, classrooms, meeting space, dormitory, kitchen, etc. Emphasize partnerships with others, especially the Idaho Department of Fish and Game.
				<u>Alternative 5</u> Develop a full-service education center with support facilities including a laboratory, classrooms, meeting space, dormitory, kitchen, etc.	





Category: <b>Equestrians</b>					
Problem Statement	Alternative 1	Alternative 2	Alternative 3	Alternative 4	Preferred Alternative
There are few places to ride horses in the urban areas of the Boise Valley although there are many equestrians and a demand for riding areas. Horses are prohibited from the Greenbelt through Boise, and no equestrian use has been planned for new parks being developed in the Eagle area.	<u>No Change</u> Keep the current policy of no horses in the park.	Develop a bridal path system with parking and unloading facilities.	Develop an arena, for training and events. This would include parking, utilities and restroom.	Develop a horse boarding stable with parking, utilities and other support facilities.	Develop a separate bridal path system with parking and unloading facilities. Develop an arena for training. This would include parking, utilities and a restroom.

Category: Existing Development					
Problem Statement	Alternative 1	Alternative 2	Alternative 3	Alternative 4	Preferred Alternative
The existing developed recreation area appears to be at physical carrying capacity. The Park gates have been closed to additional visitors several times in the last few years when the parking lot was full. The restroom is not winterized and needs to be upgraded. The current restrooms are at capacity and will not sustain additional use. The water slide was replaced in 1996, when it could no longer be patched and repaired. Beginning in the 2000 summer season, the water slide will be restricted to people over 48 inches tall.	<u>No Change</u> Do not enlarge or upgrade facilities beyond necessary repairs.	Add a waterslide, more parking, additional restroom and staff office or maintenance area at the developed recreation area.	Enlarge the beach along the existing lake. Expand the lawn areas. Provide more parking, restrooms and an additional concession building in the expanded beach and lawn area.	Create another intensive recreation area at another location in the park.	Add a children's water activity near the water slide, more parking, an additional restroom and staff office or maintenance area at the developed recreation area.





Category: <b>Fishing Areas</b>					
Problem Statement	Alternative 1	Alternative 2	Alternative 3	Alternative 4	Preferred Alternative
Eagle Island State Park offers a large land area adjacent to the river. There is great potential for ponds and marshes. The varied terrain, cover, open water and marshes could provide opportunities for a variety of fishing experiences and opportunities.	<b>No Change</b> Do not allow fishing in Park ponds.	Allow fishing along the river. Do not provide separate parking or facilities.	Develop an area to provide fishing opportunities along the river. Locate the area to be accessible to a parking lot and restroom.	Develop an area to provide fishing opportunities along the existing lake. Locate the area to be accessible to a parking lot and restroom.	Provide increased fishing opportunities in the Park including parking and access to river banks, ponds, lakes and streams.
		Alternative 5	Alternative 6	Alternative 7	
		Develop an area to provide fishing opportunities along the existing lake. Locate the area to be accessible to a parking lot and restroom.	Develop an area to provide fishing opportunities on a stream, pond or small lake for children and adults. Locate the area to be accessible to a parking lot and restroom.	Allow fishing throughout the site, along the river and on existing and any new streams, ponds and lakes.	



Category: <b>Golf Course</b>					
Problem Statement	Alternative 1	Alternative 2	Alternative 3	Alternative 4	Preferred Alternative
The original general development plan for Eagle Island State Park listed a golf course as a potential land and recreational use. Currently, there are nearly 20 traditional, public golf courses between Boise and Caldwell. Is a golf course still a viable option for Eagle Island State Park?	<u>No Change</u> Do not provide a golf course at Eagle Island State Park.	Develop a traditional, 18-hole public golf course. (Approximately 160 ac.)	Develop a public, wetlands oriented golf course. The course would not be manicured and would be environmentally friendly. It could be a demonstration links for integrating wetlands, environmental education and golf. (Approximately 160 ac.)	Develop a 9-hole golf course. (Approximately 80 to 100 ac.)	<u>Research Alternative</u> Investigate thoroughly how a wetlands golf course would mesh with the environment, other proposed uses of the park and the regional golf course market.  NOTE: The Research Alternative appears in the Draft Master Plan. The Planning Review Team and the Citizens' Advisory Committee will meet prior to preparation of the Final Master Plan and before meetings with local governments, to review the new information and to make a recommendation on a golf course alternative.





Category: Picnicking					
Problem Statement	Alternative 1	Alternative 2	Alternative 3	Alternative 4	Preferred Alternative
Picnicking is one of the most popular of all park uses. Picnic tables and shelters are available in the developed swimming lake area only. There is a demand for a variety of picnicking places.	<u>No Change</u> Provide the existing shelters and tables.	Construct a path to the newly completed picnic shelter. Build a restroom nearby. Use existing parking.	Provide small, dispersed picnic sites throughout the Park.	Develop a new large group picnic area with parking, power, water, restroom, shelter and a lawn area for informal games.	Provide small, dispersed, designated picnic sites throughout the park. Develop a large group picnic area with parking, power, water, restroom, shelter and a lawn area for informal games. If possible, develop the group picnic area in conjunction with the group camping area.

Category: Prison Buildings				
Problem Statement	Alternative 1	Alternative 2	Alternative 3	Preferred Alternative
The historic prison farm buildings appear to be a usable resource. In their current conditions, they are dangerous and unusable. Potential uses are as an education center, classrooms, dormitory, meeting space, visitor center, etc.	Mothball the buildings to protect them from further deterioration.	Tear down the buildings.	Develop a rehabilitation/reuse strategy for the buildings. At a minimum, this should include: structural soundness, adaptability for other uses, floodplain issues.	Mothball the buildings to protect them from further deterioration. Develop a rehabilitation/reuse strategy for the buildings. At a minimum, this should include: structural soundness, adaptability for other uses, floodplain issues.





Category: Retriever Training				
Problem Statement	Alternative 1	Alternative 2	Alternative 3	Preferred Alternative
Eagle Island State Park offers a large land area adjacent to the river. There is great potential for ponds and marshes. The varied terrain, cover, open water and marshes could provide opportunities for retriever training and field trials.	<b>No Change</b> Maintain the statewide policy of dogs on leash in the park, and the park policy of banning dogs from the swimming area.	Develop an area to meet the specific requirements for retriever training and trials. Locate the area to be accessible to a parking lot and restroom.	Issue permits for retriever special events on designated park ponds, marshes and riverbanks. Maintain the current leash policy and swimming area ban.	Issue permits for retriever special events on designated park ponds, marshes and riverbanks. Maintain the current leash policy and swimming area ban for dogs not involved in retriever events.

Category: Trails					
Problem Statement	Alternative 1	Alternative 2	Alternative 3	Alternative 4	Preferred Alternative
Eagle Island State Park has been identified as a pedestrian, bicycle and non-motorized boater trail hub along the Boise River. The Park needs to be prepared to connect to, or deflect, the trails coming to the Park.	<u>No Change</u> Do not provide Greenbelt connections or river portages and parking.	Designate separate Greenbelt and river through systems with controlled (gated) parking and access.	Provide Greenbelt and boater access and parking, with adjacent restrooms, water and phone.	Incorporate the Greenbelt/river trails into the internal park trail system.	Incorporate the Greenbelt/river trails into the internal park trail system. Provide Greenbelt and boater access and parking with adjacent restrooms, water and phone.





Category: Wetlands					
Problem Statement	Alternative 1	Alternative 2	Alternative 3	Alternative 4	Preferred Alternative
<p>Since Eagle Island State Park is between channels of the Boise River, and it has a high water table, it is an opportune place to create, enhance and rehabilitate wetlands. Wetlands provide functions such as water quality improvement, habitat and recreational opportunities.</p>	<p><b>No Change</b> Continue to manage the existing wetlands, e.g., weed control.</p>	<p>Cooperate with the Eagle Sewer District to develop treatment wetlands for sewage effluent.</p>	<p>Enhance the existing wetlands through good management techniques.</p>	<p>Create wetlands, ponds and waterways for recreation and habitat, subject to regulations.</p>	<p>Enhance and create wetlands in the park. Apply good management techniques to existing wetlands. Within regulations, create new wetlands, ponds and waterways for recreation and habitat. Designate appropriate areas for wetland mitigation bank opportunities.</p>
				<p><b>Alternative 5</b> Designate appropriate areas for wetland mitigation bank opportunities.</p>	

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